



Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program

Agenda Dated: June 2, 2014

June 13, 2014, Management Committee Webinar Draft Agenda

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Meeting Time: 10:00 AM - NOON MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME. Angela will start the web portion of the meeting by 9:45 a.m. so that everyone can get connected and work through any technical difficulties before the 10:00 a.m. start time.

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CONVENE: 10:00 a.m.

1. Introductions, review/modify agenda and time allocations, and appoint a timekeeper (5 min).
2. Approve May 5, 2014, revised draft meeting summary (All, 5 min) – *The draft summary was posted to the fws-coloriver listserv by Angela Kantola on May 6, 2014. The only comment received to date was that Andrew Gilmore was mistakenly listed twice in the “Attendees” list (revised summary e-mailed with this agenda).*
3. Review/discussion of draft elements of the sufficient progress memo, draft Yampa PBO status review, and draft strategic communications plan (Chart, Kantola, all, 1:10 hr) – *The Program Director’s office sent these draft documents to the Committee for review on June 2 (and copied the technical Committees and the Service). The Committee will discuss and provide comments for use by the Service in their to-be-scheduled review and drafting of the 2014 Sufficient Progress Memo.*

BREAK (10 min)

4. Discuss draft energy letter (Chart, all, 15 min) – *Based on recent Committee e-mail discussion regarding the proposed draft letter requesting a meeting to discuss strategies for oil and gas development in and near endangered fish habitat, the Committee will consider the suggestion of a verbal offer to meet and discuss the issue with the oil/gas/mining Directors for Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming (and who would meet with them).*

5. Recovery plan/proposal update (Chart, Czapla, 15 min.) – *The Committee will hear an update on the status of the Colorado Pikeminnow Recovery Plan revision and progress to convene a team to for the Humpback Chub Recovery Plan revision.*
6. Review previous meeting assignments (Kantola, all, 5 min) – *See Attachment 1.*
7. Schedule next meeting, webinar, or conference call (All, 5 min) – *Angela Kantola still needs to draft an annual schedule of Management and Implementation committee meetings. The next Management Committee meeting has already been scheduled for August 25th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Denver near DIA (location TBD). The Committee will consider whether to schedule another webinar prior to the August meeting.*

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Attachment 1 Previous Meeting Assignments

1. **Tom Pitts** will work with **Clayton Palmer and Brent Uilenberg** and provide a list of additional Program contributions to be added to the Program's budget pie chart that appears in each year's briefing book. *In process.* For the 2012 & 2013 *Program Highlights*, we used the \$37.4M annualized estimate. **Western** contracted with Argonne to model and report actual Flaming Gorge power replacement costs going back to 2001. Subsequently, **Western** will provide annual power replacement cost for the previous year each January for inclusion in the *Program Highlights* pie charts. Those pie charts will include a footnote explaining the calculation and assumptions. **Program participants** will identify other significant costs that have not previously reported (e.g., the Granby component of 10,825 which is estimated at \$16M, \$1.25M contributed by Colorado for GVWM and \$1.5M for OMID, CRWCD contributed property for OMID, etc.) (*done*). **Tom Chart** will ask **Dave Campbell** to work with the SJCC to determine their additional costs not currently reported. *A Cost Subcommittee met several times via conference call to review the proposal for and results of the power replacement costs analysis. 1/29/14: Water user and Colorado additional costs added and documented in Kantola's Briefing Book Pie Chart Data spreadsheet. Power revenue replacement costs "placeholder" from previous years retained until Argonne report finalized and approved (currently in revision). 3/20: Tom Pitts said that a few adjustments on water user contributions will need to be made, but seem to have the totals and process for updating pretty much squared away.*
2. **Michelle Garrison** will discuss with Ted Kowalski (and get back to Brent or Bob Norman) on the proposal of having the Programs ask the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to obligate \$200K of Colorado's San Juan NFWF funds by putting an "Upper Basin" label on them and then invoicing against that \$200K for Upper Colorado NFWF capital expenditures (e.g., Tusher \$40K and others) in the future. **Michelle** will discuss with Brent and Ted (*done*). *3/20 - The New Mexico agreement expired and NM is working on renewing, after which this could move forward.*
3. **Angela Kantola** will send out a revised version of the annual depletion charge budget adjustment update (Attachment 3) in October when Reclamation's FY15 contribution is known. *Pending in October.*
4. **Kevin McAbee** and **Colorado Parks & Wildlife** will draft an action plan for smallmouth bass control in Ridgway, including all the options and contingencies.
5. **Angela Kantola** will draft a schedule for consideration and send a Doodle poll to schedule both the next Management Committee webinar and face-to-face meeting. Suggestions are welcome from **Management**

Committee members as to future venue(s) for an August face-to-face meeting, which was held for many years previous in Cheyenne. *A mutually available time could not be found to meet over two days in August to include a social event the first evening; however, if enough Committee members are interested, a social gathering could be held following the August 25th meeting either near DIA or up at Angela Kantola's property in the southwest Denver foothills.*

6. *Draft energy development letter – **Dave Speas** will submit recommended changes regarding “economic development” and contact information. *Done.* The **Program Director's office** will send a revised final draft to the Management and Implementation committees for a quick final look and approval. *Done; discussion on agenda..*
7. *Recovery plan revision – The **Program Director's office** will prepare draft letters for their Regional Director inviting HBC recovery team members by end of this month (May). **Clayton Palmer** will submit comments (to Tom, Bridget, and the Management Committee) from Western regarding expertise they might be missing from the humpback chub team (Bridget asked Western to identify the roots of their concerns regarding diversity of the team). *Done.* The **Committee** agreed to moving forward with humpback chub plan, but with regard to formalizing the team, gave itself an opportunity to **weigh in by May 12** on expertise they believe is needed on the team.